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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 4470

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SP, MO, SS

SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA

1. WHEN I CALLED ON FOREIGN OFFICE UNDER SECRETARY ROVIRA AFTERNOON JUNE 26 ON ANOTHER MATTER, HE HAD JUST FINISHED SEEING MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR WHOM HE HAD SUMMONED TO LODGE A STRONG PROTEST AGAINST RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING SPANISH FORCES IN SAHARA. THE LATEST INCIDENT HAD TO DO WITH MACHINEGUNNING OF SPANISH AIRCRAFT BY MOROCCAN FORCES. ROVIRA SAID THAT GOS IS, OF COURSE, CONCERNED ABOUT ESCALATION OF THESE INCIDENTS.

2. ROVIRA SAID THAT LAST SUNDAY HE HAD MET WITH MAURITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WHO TRANSITED MADRID ON HIS WAY TO MOZAMBIQUE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD MADE CLEAR THAT HE WAS NOT RECEPTIVE TO THE SPANISH IDEA OF A FOUR-PARTY MEETING. IN THIS CONNECTION, ROVIRA REFERRED TO INFORMATION WHICH GOS HAS CONCERNING SECRET MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN AGREEMENT ON DIVISION OF SAHARA.

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3. ROVIRA CONFIRMED THAT NO PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE TO-

WARD A CONFERENCE AND THAT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO POSSIBILITY OF AN UNDERSTANDING BEING REACHED BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA. HE SAID THAT INSTRUCTIONS WERE BEING SENT TO SPANISH UN REP JUNE 26 REQUESTING HIM TO INFORM UN SYG WALDHEIM THAT GOS WAS ABOUT TO PROPOSE TO MOROCCO, ALGERIA AND MAURITANIA THAT A FOUR-PARTY MEETING BE HELD IN MADRID ON JULY 9. SPANISH UN REP HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SAY TO WALDHEIM THAT IF JULY 9 CONFERENCE DID NOT TAKE PLACE, THEN GOS WOULD IMMEDIATELY TURN TO THE UN AND REQUEST WALDHEIM TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE A CONFERENCE UNDER UN AUSPICES.

4. ROVIRA ALSO REFERRED TO HIS RECENT MEETING IN WASHINGTON WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WE WOULD SOON BE IN A POSITION TO GIVE HIM A REACTION TO HIS SUGGESTION THAT US MIGHT ASSIST IN PROMOTING A FOUR-PARTY CONFERENCE. I TOLD ROVIRA THAT I WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM ON THIS JUST AS SOON AS I RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS.  
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